

QUARTER CENTURY WIRELESS ASSOCIATION

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THE 1983 QCWA ELECTION RETURNS ARE IN. SUNCOAST CHAPTER'S JIM BALMER, K4ISG, CHAIRMAN OF THE TELLERS COMMITTEE, HAS REPORTED THE FOLLOWING TALLY:

President	-	Mr. Stuart Meyer, W2GHK	-	2138
Vice Pres.	-	Leland Smith, W5KL	-	2161
Secretary	-	Max Arnold, W4WHN	-	2152
Treasurer	-	Wesley Randles, W4COW	-	2150

FOR THE OFFICE OF DIRECTOR, FOR TWO YEAR TERMS:

Ethel Smith, K4LMB	-	1903
Leo Meyerson, WØGFQ	-	1799
Ron Hesler, VE1SH	-	1638
Gerhard Jacoby, DL3ME	-	1560
Harry Dannals, W2HD	-	1528

FOR THE OFFICE OF DIRECTOR, FOR ONE YEAR TERMS:

Lew McCoy, W1ICP	-	1503
Hal Sears, W5NC	-	1497
Esther Given, W6BDE	-	1412
Art Miligan, W8KW	-	1304
Wade Holland, W4AZT	-	1278

CANDIDATES FOR DIRECTOR RECEIVING TOO FEW VOTES:

Clarence Seid, W2KW	-	1235
Jim Walsh, W7LVN	-	1143
George Apfel, W2GHV	-	1137
John C. Kanode, N4MM	-	941
Ero Erickson, KA9DYS	-	866

THANKS GO TO ALL WHO EXERCISED THEIR FRANCHISE - AND PARTICULAR THANKS TO CANDIDATES WHO GAVE OF TIME AND EFFORT ON BEHALF OF QCWA!

QCWA WAS SADDENED TO LEARN THAT MAX ARNOLD, W4WHN, SECRETARY FOR QCWA PASSED AWAY ON SUNDAY, JULY 31, 1983. MAX HAD BEEN SECRETARY OF QCWA FOR ONLY A SHORT WHILE BUT HIS DEDICATION HAD ALREADY MADE HIM AN IMPORTANT MEMBER OF THE ORGANIZATION. HE ATTENDED THE APRIL 1983 MEETING OF THE BOARD AT IRVING...HIS ILLNESS DID NOT PREVENT HIS ATTENDANCE TO DUTY UNTIL A FEW DAYS BEFORE HIS DEATH. OUR SYMPATHY GOES OUT TO HIS FAMILY. WE SHALL MISS HIM GREATLY.

IN LINE WITH THE POLICY OF QCWA OFFICIALS, PRESIDENT MEYER HAS FILED COMMENTS IN FCC PROPOSED RULE-MAKING, DOCKET 83-28. IT IS PRINTED IN ITS ENTIRETY IN THIS ISSUE OF HLR. COPIES OF THE ORIGINAL DOCUMENT ARE AVAILABLE FROM HQ.

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Before the
FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
Washington, DC 20554

In the Matter of)
Amendment of Part 97 of the Commission's Rules)
to authorize in Part 97.5 under Classes of operator)
licenses an Experimental Class Amateur license)
without requirement for Morse Code proficiency.)

PR DOCKET No. 83-28

To the Commission

COMMENTS OF THE QUARTER CENTURY WIRELESS
ASSOCIATION, INCORPORATED

The Quarter Century Wireless Association, Incorporated, hereinafter referred to as QCWA, is an organization of experienced radio amateurs, organized in 1947 and chartered as a non-profit organization in the state of New York. Its stated purpose is to promote friendship and cooperation among Amateur (Wireless) Operators who were licensed as such at least a quarter of a century ago. It operates exclusively for charitable, educational and scientific purposes and is entitled to federal tax exemption under the provisions of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, as amended. More specifically, QCWA promotes interest in Amateur Radio Communications and advancement of the electronic art, making use of the reservoir of knowledge and experience represented within the membership of QCWA for the benefit of all Radio Amateurs and the furtherance of the public interest, convenience and necessity through Amateur Radio Communications.

INTRODUCTION

The Commission proposes two alternatives for an amateur radio license class with no requirements for proficiency in international Morse code. One of these alternatives would eliminate the novice code examination for the Technician Class license with the provision that such licensees could operate in certain portions of the HF amateur bands after the holder has successfully completed additional element 1(a) (beginners code test at five words per minute). The other proposal would create a new "entry" class license for which additional proficiency in radio theory, operation and practice would be required rather than proficiency in code.

QCWA agrees with the Commission that a codeless license probably is the most controversial matter that can be raised with the Amateur Radio community. Assuming that the Commission is concerned about the present lack of growth in Amateur Radio licensees, QCWA has also noted the decline in expansion and interest in Amateur Radio. Much of this is the result of increasing demands on the time of all citizens, hobby and entertainment opportunities, and other factors associated with modern living and vocational pursuits, which leave less time for the pursuit of a hobby such as Amateur Radio. Stated differently, because of the complexity of today's society and the choices available, Amateur Radio does not have the attraction to our younger generation that it had to the generations of past decades. Our organization, in recognition of the declining growth in new amateur licensees will renew its efforts, working in collaboration with other amateur organizations such as the American Relay League, to promote interest in, and encourage our citizens to pursue the hobby of Amateur Radio.

We in QCWA strongly support any objective which would encourage and facilitate entry into the amateur ranks of additional persons, especially young technically inclined individuals interested in the public welfare and advancement of the art of wireless electronics with pecuniary interest.

There has been no indication in years past that passing a test in international Morse code has ever provided any substantial obstacle to any person interested in becoming a radio amateur. The fact that persons from age six to over ninety have successfully passed the code requirements of the FCC and its predecessors over the years is mute testimony that meeting minimal standards of proficiency in Morse code has not retarded the growth of or interest in Amateur Radio.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Members of QCWA are experienced amateurs from all walks of life. They have had a long record of serving the public welfare through the Amateur Radio service. Many are highly qualified engineers who through their vocations have made noteworthy contributions to the art of electronic communications. Others have pursued the hobby of Amateur Radio while simultaneously attaining successful careers in unrelated professions in government and industry. The question of a no-code amateur license has been discussed frequently at QCWA meetings and functions as well as in correspondence between members and with the QCWA Board of Directors. The consensus of the QCWA membership weighs heavily against any action by the FCC to establish any kind of codeless Amateur Ra-

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dio license. While serving questionable benefit to the amateur service, a codeless license procedure would, by the Commission's own admission, generate additional administrative burden upon the FCC. Such a burden when translated to increased budgetary requirements for an agency which is striving for reduced government costs and regulations could hardly be justified in view of the questionable value of such a license.

QCWA is fully appreciative of the efforts of the FCC to promote, encourage, and defend the rights and privileges of Amateur Radio licensees in this country. Nevertheless as an organization representing many of the most highly qualified and respected amateurs holding licenses today, we strongly urge the Commission to reconsider its proposal for a codeless amateur license.

Respectfully submitted:

June 28, 1983

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CHAPTERS ARE REQUESTED TO ASK THEIR MEMBERS TO SEND A POST-CARD TO HQ LETTING US KNOW YOUR REACTION TO THE NO-CODE PROPOSAL. IT IS NOT NECESSARY TO ARGUE YOUR POSITION....JUST A SIMPLE DECLARATION EITHER "FOR" OR "AGAINST" A NO-CODE AMATEUR LICENSE. THIS WILL ASSIST THE BOARD AT ITS DENVER MEETING IN SEPTEMBER.

OUR SUPPLY OF QCWA MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORIES FOR THE YEAR 1982, IS NOW EXHAUSTED. NO MORE WILL BE SENT OUT UNTIL A NEW PRINTING.

THE QCWA GOLDEN AWARDS RECEIVED ON OR AFTER AUGUST 1, 1983 WILL NO LONGER BE PROCESSED OR ACKNOWLEDGED (SEE HLR's VOL 6, Nos 4 & 5). THESE AWARDS WILL BE ISSUED AUTOMATICALLY TO ELIGIBLE MEMBERS AS WE ARE ABLE TO AUTHENTICATE ELIGIBILITY DATES AND AS TIME PERMITS, BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 1984. THE 50-YEAR CONTINUOUSLY LICENSED AWARD HAS BEEN DISCONTINUED.

QCWA HAS ISSUED CHARTER No. 145 TO SMOKEY MOUNTAIN CHAPTER, WHOSE ACTIVITIES WILL CENTER ABOUT THE ASHEVILLE, NC AREA. OFFICERS PRO-TEM ELECTED ARE:

Norman G. Harrill, N4NH, President
William L. Hayes, W4AFM, Secretary

CONGRATULATIONS ARE IN ORDER FOR BOTH MEMBERS AND THE OFFICIALS.

THE DENVER CONVENTION BEING HELD SEPTEMBER 30-OCTOBER 1, 1983, IS ONE YOU WON'T WANT TO MISS. THOSE BOYS CAN PUT ONE ON, AND THE TIME OF THE YEAR IS THE VERY BEST. A FEW DAYS PAST THE PEAK OF THE ASPEN TURNING GOLD, BUT STILL SHOULD BE BEAUTIFUL....AND YOU'LL MEET SOME OF THE FINEST PEOPLE IN THE WORLD ... YOUR FELLOW QCWA MEMBERS. SEE THE SUMMER OR FALL ISSUES OF QCWA NEWS FOR REGISTRATION BLANKS....SEND IN YOUR REGISTRATION RIGHT NOW, DON'T WAIT UNTIL ALL THE SPACE IS GONE!

IF YOU HAVE MATTERS YOU WOULD LIKE THE BOARD TO CONSIDER, SEND IN YOUR SUGGESTIONS TO HQ. THEY WILL BE RELAYED FOR INCLUSION ON THE BOARDS AGENDA, TIME PERMITTING. IF YOU DON'T TELL 'EM WHAT YOU'RE THINKING, THEY'LL HAVE TO GUESS. DON'T TAKE A CHANCE, INPUT THE BOARD WHILE THERE'S STILL TIME.

SPECIAL NOTE: JEAN-B. Wolff, LX1JW, NAMED TO THE QCWA HALL OF FAME
WILL BE ATTENDING THE DENVER QCWA CONVENTION. HIS HOME IS IN
LUXEMBOURG....NOW, THERE'S DEDICATION TO QCWA! COME AND MEET HIM!

THE VERY LATEST MEMBER TO BE ENROLLED IN QCWA AUGUST 3, 1983, IS:

Mr. AL BLACKER, KT9L. HIS CREDENTIALS ARE IMPECCABLE--#17240
HIS WORK IS MANAGER, R & D, ZENITH RADIO CORPN,
HIS HOME, HOFFMAN ESTATES, ILLINOIS
WELCOME!

QCWA HOTLINE REPORT IS AVAILABLE TO MEMBERS AT A COST OF \$6 PER
YEAR. NO LESS THAN 10 ISSUES ANNUALLY. THIS ISSUE IS BEING SENT
TO ALL OVERSEAS MEMBERS.

HAPPY SUMMERTIME --- SEE YOU IN DENVER.

- Ed -



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